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Request
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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	10/820,280
Filing Date	April 18, 2004
First Named Inventor	Adoline et al.
Art Unit	3683
Examiner Name	Mariono O. Sy
Attorney Docket Number	BGEE 2 00017

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

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Ser. No.: 10/820,280	Filed: April 8, 2004	Examiner: Mariano O. Sy
Art Unit: 3683	Title: DAMPENED COMPRESSION SPRING ROD	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	64	Minus	55	9	X \$50	\$450.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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